

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
5/28/15



Present: Lionel Cloutier, Garrett Davieau, Kyle Bradley and David Whitaker

DOCUMENTS & EXHIBITS

Letter of Request, the Winchendon School
Abutter Notifications, the Winchendon School
Draft of Agreement and Map, the Winchendon School

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by Lionel Cloutier – **vote** unanimously approved the minutes of 4/23/15.
Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker – **vote** unanimously approved mileage reimbursement for David Whitaker and Lionel Cloutier and the invoice to pay the secretary.

HEARING

7:05 p.m. RDA, 459 Glenallen St., Chris Scott, installation of a seasonal dock
The applicant, Chris Scott was present.

A three sectioned seasonal dock on wheels will replace the old dock. The dock will be put in the water in May and removed in September. There will be no tree removal.

David Whitaker made a motion, 2nd by Kyle Bradley – **vote** unanimously approved a Negative Determination.

7:10 p.m. Amend Order of Conditions # 345-0575, John Kerney, the Winchendon School
The applicant John Kerney was present along with Wesley Flis, Whitman & Bingham Assoc. who represented the applicant

The requested amendment proposes to change the approved synthetic turf athletic field to a natural grass field of the same dimensions. A waiver was obtained from the Commission. There is a benefit to having natural grass over synthetic turf. There will be two areas of replication. The Commission took a few minutes to read the proposed agreement. The agreement consists of two phases. Phase 1 - the growing of natural grass. The field would not be used for one year. Phase II - turf field project. The School proposes to fill in the wetlands. The Commission needs a reason to justify filling in the wetlands. John Deline, a member of the Winchendon Enhancement Committee spoke in favor of the School. The School has been helpful to the town in allowing use of their facilities and the use of Ingleside for open public space. The Commission agreed. Agent Koonce will put together language for their proposal.

Agent Koonce had concerns how water runoff will be handled. They plan on using detention basins.

Agent Koonce will add a couple of conditions:

1. A survey needs to be done for the vernal pool species and the results need to be submitted to Natural Heritage.
2. Prior to the Certificate of Compliance, the natural vegetation needs to be removed at the tennis court and basketball court.

Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker – **vote** unanimously approved to close the hearing.

Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by Lionel Cloutier – **vote** unanimously approved to grant an Amendment to the Order of Conditions.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: Possible evidence of artificial material located within the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction on properties identified as Assessor's Map 1, Lots 25 and 236 - John & Kerri's Furniture on School St. The Commission wants to do a site inspection. Material on the property was seen by using satellite images from Google Earth. The Commission needs to contact Brian Damon, owner of adjacent property. A site visit will be set up the first week in June.

Discussion: Robert VanDyke / US Army Corp. of Engineers requirements at Miller's Run
Jeff Magnum, manager of Birch Hill Dam is here to speak to the Conservation Commission for permission to fill wetland area. The boundary line is being undermined and need lateral support. The wetland is not under state jurisdiction. The Miller's Run property abuts Robert VanDyke's property. Mr. VanDyke was not present. Agent Koonce stated the area could be filled in during a dry spell in the summer months. Mr. VanDyke should file an RDA.

Kyle Bradley left the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

R.J. Morgan attended the meeting to give an update on the pipeline.

Lionel Cloutier related that Ivan the Director at the Miller's River Water Shed Council is asking the Commission for \$200.00 for 500 copies of pamphlets. The Commission wants to see the pamphlets.

Chairman, Davieau wants to review the Commission's Account Balances to the Wetland Filing Fee monthly and the Commission's Trust Fund quarterly.

David Whitaker needs to resign off the Master Plan Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Lionel Cloutier made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker – **vote** unanimously approved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Patty Driscoll, secretary

Chairman, Garrett Davieau


Kyle Bradley


Lionel Cloutier

